## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20436

# MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress <sup>1</sup>

[Date approved: March 14, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 3015 (Mr. Ray LaHood of Illinois).

Proponent name, location: E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., Wilmington, DE.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): H.R. 3346.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension until December 31, 2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

2-Benzylthio-3-ethyl sulfonyl pyridine (CAS No. 175729-82-5) (provided for in subheading 2933.39.61)

**Check one**: \_\_\_ Same as that in bill as introduced.

X Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

#### Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject synthetic organic chemical is an intermediate used to manufacture various herbicide products used for post-emergence grass and weed control, principally on corn. The subject product is imported from China.

#### **Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

| HTS subheading: <u>2933.39.61</u>       |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |  |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| $\searrow$                              | 2005        | 2006        | 2007        | 2008        | 2009        |  |  |  |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty             | 6.5%        | 6.5%        | 6.5%        | 6.5%        | 6.5%        |  |  |  |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports | \$6,400,000 | \$6,500,000 | \$6,500,000 | \$7,100,000 | \$7,400,000 |  |  |  |
| Customs revenue loss                    | \$416,000   | \$422,500   | \$422,500   | \$461,500   | \$481,000   |  |  |  |

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <a href="http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\_doc/bill\_reports/index.htm">http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\_doc/bill\_reports/index.htm</a>.

### Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

| Name of firm/organization  | Date<br>contacted | US production<br>of same or<br>competitive<br>product<br>claimed? | Submission attached? | Opposition noted? |
|--|-------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------|
|  |                   | (Yes/No)  |                      |                   |
| E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. (Proponent)<br>Sharee Lawler, 202-956-9209 | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| AtoFina Cerex<br>Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092                        | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| Aventis<br>Jean Reimers, Fax: 202-628-6622                                 | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| BASF Corp.<br>Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101                                | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| Bayer Corporate Services<br>Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4700           | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| Crop Life America<br>Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474                    | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| Dow Agro Sciences<br>Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467                     | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| FMC<br>Tom Hashman, 215-299-6377   | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| Griffin Corp.<br>James Whatley, Fax: 800-248-5154                          | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| LANXESS Corp.<br>Jamie B. Schaeffer, Fax: 412-809-3614                     | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| Monsanto Corp.<br>Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867                       | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| Syngenta<br>Mike Blythe, Fax: 336-632-6084                                 | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |
| Valent USA<br>Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-246-2776                             | 11/9/2005         | No  | No                   | No                |

### **Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup>

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 be used because it corrects some minor typographical errors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

#### 109TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3015

To suspend temporarily the duty on 2 benzylthio-3-ethyl sulfonyl pyridine.

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 21, 2005

Mr. LaHood introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 2 benzylthio-3-ethyl sulfonyl pyridine.

| 1 | Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2 | $tives\ of\ the\ United\ States\ of\ America\ in\ Congress\ assembled,$  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | SECTION 1. 2 BENZYLTHIO-3-ETHYL SULFONYL PYRIDINE.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | (a) In General.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | new heading:   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | " 9902.05.70 2 benzylthio-3-ethyl sulfonyl pyridine (CAS No. 175729–82–5) provided for in subheading 2933.39.6190) Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2009 ". |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
- 3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after

4 the date of enactment of this Act.

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